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Commissioner:

A Decision on Request for Rehearing (the "Rehearing Decision") dated August 5, 2010 affirmed the rejections of Claims 1-13, 15-17 and 19-23 of the above-identified application by the Office Action dated December 20, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.304, the August 5, 2010 date of the Rehearing Decision set a two-month time frame, namely, by October 5, 2010, by which to file a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, or for commencing a civil action, or for filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114. This Amendment and Response is filed with an RCE under 37 CFR §1.114 with the corresponding fee. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response and the concurrently-filed RCE are timely filed under 37 CFR §1.114 because they are filed before the expiration of October 5, 2010. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the concurrently-filed RCE, and in view of the Claim Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested.

Application Serial No. 09/684,861 Amendment and Response With RCE Under 37 CFR §1.114

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u> that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.